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Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is so shameful to me that the Willamette River Superfund Site, a designation reserved for the most contaminated, toxic sites, is 10 miles within what I have always considered one of the most environmentally, civic conscience cities in America. Hopefully I was not wrong in my decision to live here. We cannot allow the EPA to determine that only 85% of the toxics, pollutants and substances such as PCB's from DDT that have been banned from use since 1967, can be left in our River along this 10 mile stretch. Unless done effectively, this Plan will damage our community reputation, our ability to use the river to consume healthy fish, and harm our wildlife species that depend on the River for existence.

Here are some key points that have been identified to make the EPA plan more effective:

1. Select Alternative G adding additional dredges in areas of high human use, high ecological values, and where a high risk of re-contamination could occur.
2. Set definitive timelines and specific metrics for success.
3. Make sure the Alternative G allows all communities, including pregnant women and children, can safely eat fish from our River.

4. Include the heavily contaminated uplands and the heavily contaminated river
5. Heavily consider the Environment Justice issues by assuring jobs, and benefits to the underserved and local communities that have been impacted by the Superfund sites.
6. Eliminate the disposal facility that will continue to cause toxic waste being released to our River.

Thank you in advance for ensuring the Willamette River Superfund cleanup is done with the best outcomes for our community, our children, wildlife, and our future.

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